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Sharing fame with an insect

Professor, undergrad student recognized by 'Nature' magazine for new discovery about evolution

By DEANNA DEVEY



Photo by Lisa Young

Assistant professor Michael Whiting shows some of the walking sticks he used to research about evolution.

and we had a picture of a sexy little bug," Maxwell said. "One reason we're on the cover is because we had pictures of lots of sexy little bugs."

Maxwell was only an undergraduate research assistant who wanted to go to medical school when he helped discover an evolutionary phenomenon now receiving international recognition.

"Almost everything that gets sent to 'Science' or 'Nature' is rejected," Maxwell said. "It's a big deal. Actually, it's a really big deal."

It has been seven years since a BYU professor has had an article published in "Nature."

"Most researchers will go their entire career without being published in 'Nature,'" Whiting said. "You're competing against everybody in the world in any field. They (the top journals, 'Science' and 'Nature') both have the highest rejection rates."

Whiting has been flooded with phone calls from different media sources such as "The New York Times" and Reuters.

The success of the article demonstrates that undergraduate research gives students at BYU an experience to get into graduate school and shows BYU is gaining a reputation as a place for recruiting, Whiting said.

Maxwell, now a doctoral student at Washington University, was accepted to every graduate school that he applied to and earned a National Science Foundation Fellowship, which almost pays for all of his graduate school.

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SPRING WEATHER IN WINTER

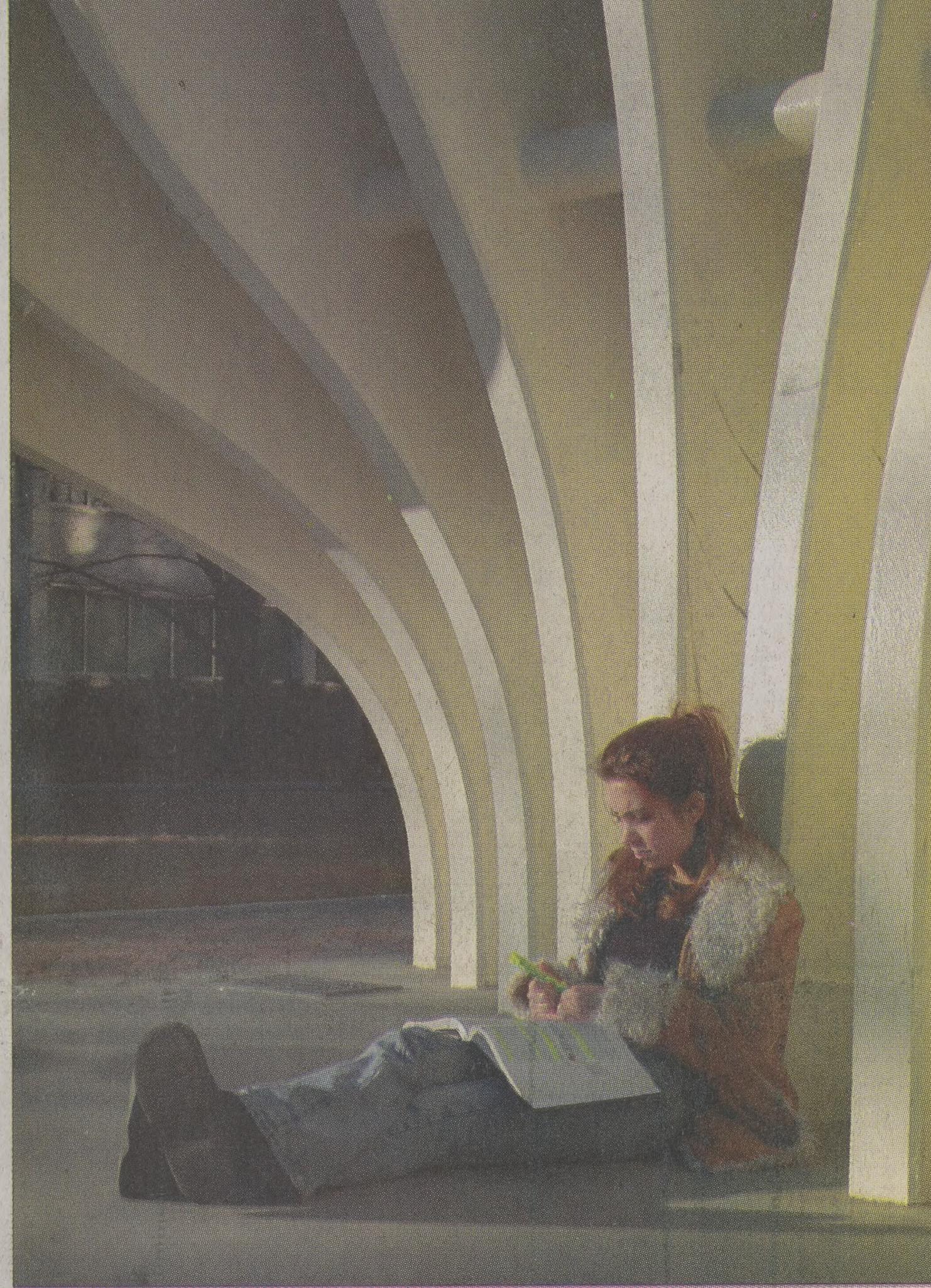


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Lauren Donaldson, 20, a junior from Temechulah, Calif., enjoys the nice weather by studying outside. Though many students are enjoying the spring-like weather, the Utah water supply is in danger without snow.

Lack of snow brings Utah into fifth year of drought

By MARLA SOWARDS

The sun is shining, snow is melting, and parkas, scarves and knit hats are gathering dust. Recent warm weather is diminishing snowpack levels in the Utah mountains, compounding an already serious drought. And to make matters worse, there's no change in sight.

"The mountains have only got about half their normal water in the snow up there right now," said David James, BYU's weather station overseer, who has monitored Utah Valley weather conditions for 22 years. "And with the warm temperatures we've had the last few days, it just continues to start melting already."

Low snowpack levels forecast low water levels, said Randall Julander, snow survey specialist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"Right now for the Provo River area, your high elevation snowpack is below 60 percent of average right now," Julander said. "That represents a huge, huge snowpack. That's where the majority of your water comes from. Being that low this time of year is really an ugly situation."

These snowpack levels have particular significance for Provo, said Richard Tullis, operations manager for the Central Utah Water Conservancy District.

"Provo City mostly gets their water through springs and wells," Tullis said. "The recharge to the springs

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Church not required to share employment figures

By CARRIE SHEFFIELD

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will continue to withhold employment figures from the state while figures from Brigham Young University will continue to be released.

"It has been the practice of the church for more than two decades not to disclose specific employment information," church spokesman Dale Bills said in a prepared statement.

The recent slump in U.S. economy has contributed to the attention the Church of Jesus Christ has received for its position.

"Knowing that there's been a downturn in the economy, the fact that we didn't reveal our numbers made some

copy," said Coke Newell, media relations manager for the church. "But in fact we never have. That's never been anything the church has chosen to share with the media."

The attention has arisen from the fact that each quarter, the state's Department of Workforce Services compiles a list of the state's top employers.

The department then takes the list and analyzes the information for job forecasts, according to Tani Pack Downing, attorney for the department. The church is noticeably absent from the list.

State law does not require nonprofit groups, including churches, to report to the department.

"(It's) simply a private employer wishing to keep those figures private," Newell said. "The church, of course, has always been known to be one of the largest employers in the state of Utah."

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'Don't flaunt body,' speaker says

By STACEY WISMER

BYU students are not the only people concerned about modesty in a society of deteriorating values.

Wendy Shalit, author of "A Return to Modesty: Discovering the Lost Virtue," spoke to a full house in the JSB auditorium last night.

Shalit, a graduate student in Israel, became concerned about modesty when she disagreed with the coed bathrooms at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

"A key to a lot of our problems (in society) is that we misunderstand modesty," Shalit said.

The Greek philosophy says, "if you got it, flaunt it," she said.

Shalit, an Orthodox Jew, said the Jewish philosophy battles the Greek philosophy. If something is precious, especially the body, don't flaunt it, cover it and protect it.

"The more precious something is, the greater care you take of it," she said.

The Greek philosophy of flaunting has been proven wrong, Shalit said. Immodesty simply shows insecurity.

Shalit has also researched ways in which people find real contentment and fulfillment in life.

The secular realm has not brought people happiness, Shalit said. So they take even more extreme measures to find happiness in the secular world and find none.

The more women are strong, and it made men strong," Shalit said.

It made men and women relate to each other in elevated ways, she said.

If you want to communicate in an elevated way, dress in a way which promotes a higher level of communication, Shalit said.

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Photo by Corey Perrine

[Weather]



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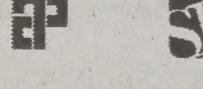
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Left: Police officers prepare to enter the building where Detective Constable Stephen Oake was stabbed to death during a counter terrorism operation in Manchester, United Kingdom, Wednesday. **Right:** A police officer places flowers in front of the house. Four other officers were also injured in the raid.

London police launch inquiry after failed poison raid

LONDON (AP) — The stabbing death of a detective in an anti-terrorism sweep raised questions about how well British police are equipped to deal with terror suspects. The arrested men had not been restrained and some of the police were unarmed and wore no body armor.

Police launched an internal inquiry Wednesday into the botched raid after criticism from lawmakers and fellow officers that the operation was badly planned and under-equipped.

Detective constable Stephen Oake, 40, was killed and four other officers were injured Tuesday during the raid on an apartment in the northern city of Manchester. Police were searching for a suspect in the Jan. 5 discovery of the deadly poison ricin in London.

Three North African men were under arrest Wednesday under anti-terrorism laws — one being questioned about the ricin, another about Oake's death, and the third was being handed over to immigration authorities.

Prime Minister Tony Blair, who described Oake's death as a "wicked murder," stressed the need to "redouble" efforts in the fight against terrorism but did not comment on the way the raid was conducted.

But Norman Brennan, a police officer and director of the action group Victims of Crime Trust, said the killing showed that officers need more protection.

British police usually don't carry guns, though in cities they sometimes wear protective clothing.

Iraqi exiles fight with U.S.

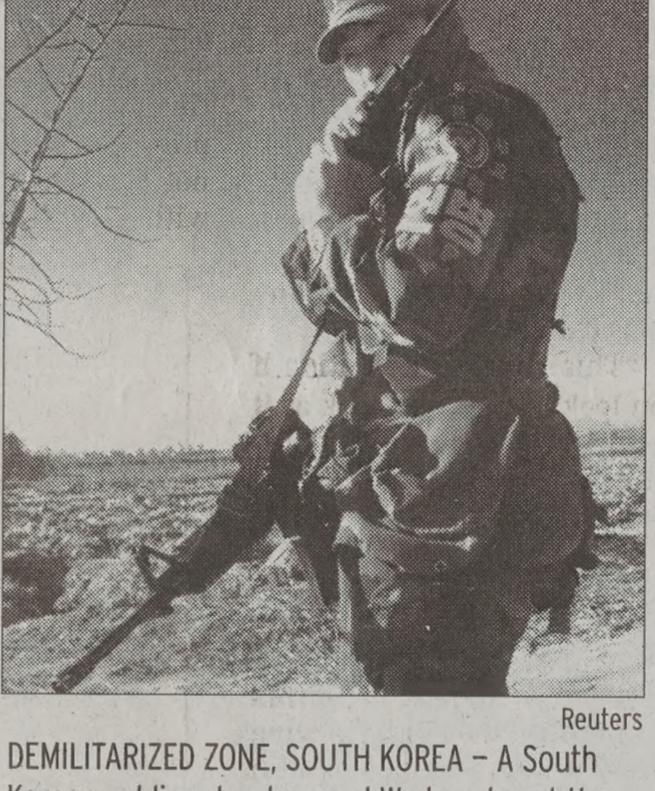
WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi exiles who want to help the American military in a campaign against President Saddam Hussein are beginning to report for training.

The Pentagon said Wednesday that the first batch of opposition members who've volunteered to serve with U.S. forces have been told to assemble at a secret location in the United States over the next several days.

"The training is going to be ... real basic training so they could potentially fit in with some U.S. units and provide assistance with language skills, perhaps, or local knowledge and so forth," said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The call-up of recruits kicks off the largest known U.S. effort to train Saddam's enemies since passage of the 1998 Iraq Liberation Act, which called for his overthrow and authorized \$97 million to train and equip his opponents.

Officials declined to say how many are in the first class of trainees or exactly where they are gathering before being deployed.



DEMILITARIZED ZONE, SOUTH KOREA — A South Korean soldier stands guard Wednesday at the Daesung village in the Demilitarized Zone, north of Seoul, South Korea. The two Koreas agreed to minister-level talks next week in Seoul about the potential nuclear crisis on the peninsula.

N. Korea rejects U.S. aid

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — North Korea on Wednesday rejected U.S. offers of dialogue and possible aid if it abandons its nuclear ambitions, calling them "pie in the sky" and a "deceptive drama" to appeal to public opinion.

One day after U.S. officials held out the prospect of food and energy supplies, Pyongyang declared it would not accept any offer of dialogue with conditions attached.

Washington's loudmouthed supply of energy and food aid are like a pie in the sky, as they are possible only after the DPRK is totally disarmed, a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said, according to the official news agency KCNA.

DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Spokesman Ari Fleischer said Wednesday the White House had heard no official word from Pyongyang.

Bush challenges University

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush plans to challenge a University of Michigan program that gives preference to minority students, telling the Supreme Court there are better ways to promote diversity, administration officials said Wednesday.

Justice Department and White House attorneys, acting on Bush's orders, were preparing a brief arguing against programs that gave black and Hispanic students an edge when applying to the university and its law school.

Without confirming Bush's plans, White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the president was meeting

Wednesday with his advisers to review the brief which is due Thursday.

"He wants to find a way to recognize the importance of diversity, and do so in a way that serves one and all," Fleischer told reporters. "The challenge is to focus on diversity in ways that do not use quotas."

Pres. George Bush
Opposes ethnic privilege

This undated image shows a lesion on the upper thigh of a person infected with bubonic plague. A Texas Tech university professor was arrested for allegedly making a false statement to a federal agent that 30 vials of the plague were missing, sending the nation into a terrorism-alert plan.

Bubonic vials destroyed

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A Texas Tech university professor was arrested Wednesday night for allegedly telling authorities that 30 vials of plague were missing from a laboratory after he had destroyed them.

News of the supposedly missing samples triggered a terrorism-alert plan and showed how jittery Americans are over the threat of a biological attack.

Dr. Thomas C. Butler, chief of the infectious diseases division of the department of internal medicine, was taken into custody by the FBI on a complaint of making a false statement to a federal agent.

U.S. Attorney Dick Baker said the professor told authorities that the vials were missing as of Saturday when "truth in fact, as he well knew, he had destroyed them prior to that."

The samples of the lethal bacteria, about 30 of the 180 the school was using for research on the treatment of plague, were reported missing to campus police Tuesday night.

School spokeswoman Cindy Ruegeley said Butler, the project's principle investigator, made the report.

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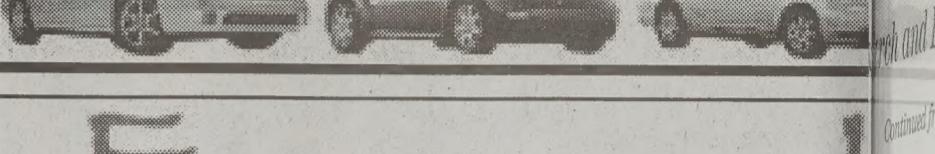
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MODESTY

Modesty can stand up for modesty

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Shalit gathered examples of modesty from her religious background.

Modesty dates back to the Old Testament, she said.

Rebecca saw Isaac, it was an instinctive reflex for her to cover herself. As long as we're human, we cover up the need to show what's on the outside, Shalit said.

Shalit also pointed out that modesty comes from the inside. Society's emphasis is on physical perfection, instead of inner perfection, she said.

"You see yourself only as you're going to be unhappy. Nobody has a body, it's the soul that makes us special," she said.

Marriage is another facet in which modesty plays a role.

Modesty that makes intimacy

special within the context of marriage, she said.

"Even when you're married, there are levels of modesty," she said.

According to Shalit, standing up for values can make a difference.

Society teaches people not to care about anything, to have no feelings. With modesty, it's OK to care and to have emotions, Shalit said.

"You can make a difference," she said.

There are so many people around the world who will take a stand with you, she said.

In a question and answer session, the audience expressed their appreciation for Shalit's remarks.

"Her book empowered me," said Sunny Layne, 23, a communications major from St. Cloud, Minn.

ECONOMY

Church and BYU employ many in Utah

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The department internally tracks church employment numbers, but does not publish them in their official reports because it is not directly obtained from the church, Pack Downing said.

Pack Downing and others feel that the church's policy does little harm to the state's analytical abilities.

Wood, interim director of the Bureau of Economic and Research at the University of Utah, said the church's policy is a serious issue, and does not affect those who study the economy of Utah.

People argue that somehow economic analysis is severely hampered by the omission, but a small community of people who do economic analysis is not an issue, Wood said.

Jenkins, assistant to the president for University Communications at BYU, said BYU is required to report its employee information in order to receive grants and to participate in surveys for agencies such as U.S. News and World Report and Princeton review.

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Jenkins reported that in the Fall semester 2002, there were

5,671 full and part-time faculty

and staff members and more than 11,000 student employees at BYU.

Currently BYU is fourth and U of U third, but the numbers are so close that the ranking can change from one reporting period to another," Pack Downing said.

BYU is a separate corporation from the church and does release its employee information, said Brian Evans, chief financial officer of the University.

"The people that work for the university are not employees of the church," Evans said. "BYU is sponsored or affiliated with the church, but it is a separate entity."

The Department of Workforce Services obtains employee information from BYU for occupational safety information, hiring information to prevent discrimination and unemployment insurance, Evans said.

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DROUGHT

Utah needs snow to replenish water supply

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Julander is also concerned about the levels of the Provo River.

"I believe, for river users, it's about 10 acre feet," Julander said.

Julander said they might have

enough water for this year. That is really ugly news for people in the valley."

Julander is not the first year lack of moisture has caused ripples of concern.

"We're essentially going into our fifth year of drought," Julander said.

"It's like they might have

enough water for this year. That is really ugly news for people in the valley."

Julander attributes the farmers' hard times to increased water prices.

"It's like what Ben Franklin said - you know the true cost of water when the well runs dry," he said. "And unfortunately, it looks like the well's starting to run a little dry."

While Julander said there is no need for excessive concern in cities, he does suggest following conservation techniques recommended by water regulation agencies.

"Everybody will have water to drink," Julander said. "But there's a ton of things that you can do in the water conservation game."

James also said that all citizens should help conserve water to lessen the severity of the situation.

"Don't let the water run, and make sure dishwashers and the washers are full when you use them," he said.

Julander said the nature of a drought makes Utah's situation especially precarious.

"If you walk out on the freeway and get hit by a semi — splat — and fall over, you know it's done," Julander said. "But drought is like sticking a needle in you, and it sucks you dry just a little bit this year. Then it sucks you dry just a little bit more, until you're just kind of an emaciated shell with nothing left."

"We wouldn't be able to (remember the situation) unless we had four months of well-normal precipitation,

17-year-old sniper suspect to be tried as an adult

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — Citing what he called strong circumstantial evidence, a judge said Wednesday that 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo can be tried as an adult, making him eligible for the death penalty.

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield ruled after a hearing in which prosecutors said Malvo tauntingly tried to extort \$10 million from authorities during the killing spree and that fingerprints on the murder weapon and other evidence tied the teen-ager to four attacks three of them fatal.

"There is no eyewitness at any of the four crime scenes but the circumstantial evidence is quite strong," the judge said.

Malvo and John Allen Muhammad, 42, are accused of killing 13 people and wounding five others in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C., last year. They are being tried first in Virginia in separate trials.

The extortion allegation is a key element of a Virginia anti-terrorism law that allows the death penalty for killers convicted of trying to intimidate the public or coerce the government.

Malvo is also charged under a statute that allows a death sentence for multiple murders.

"They wanted to negotiate for money," prosecutor Robert F. Horan said. "They said 'If you want us to stop killing people give us the money.' If that is not intent to intimidate government, I don't know what is."

Defense lawyers argued the evidence was insufficient because no eyewitnesses placed Malvo at any of the crime scenes. They also said the demand for money does not qualify as terrorism and questioned whether it should be interpreted as a motive for any alleged crime.

"This is not intimidation if you look at it. If you look at it in the broadest sense, it's blackmail," defense lawyer Michael Arif said.

After the hearing, he added: "The request for \$10 million sounds like something out of an Austin Powers movie."

Malvo is charged in Fairfax County with the Oct. 14 slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Home Depot store in Falls Church. But Horan said ballistics evidence, the notes and the phone calls link Malvo to two other fatal attacks and a

shooting outside an Ashland restaurant that left a patron critically wounded.

A fingerprint expert also said the only identifiable prints found on the murder weapon, a Bushmaster rifle, belonged to Malvo. The print was found on the rifle's pistol grip.

Earlier, a detective who interviewed Malvo for six hours after his arrest last fall identified his voice on tape recordings of two threatening phone calls to authorities during the attacks. Both tapes were played in court.

"I talked to him long enough to know he's very smooth and well-spoken. I'd know that voice immediately," Fairfax County police Detective June Boyle testified. She described Malvo as calm, relaxed and even "jovial on occasion" during their interview last year.

Defense lawyers challenged whether the caller was even male. Boyle conceded she had no special training in voice identification but the judge ruled her testimony was admissible.

The caller ordered police to hold a news conference and say they believed they had caught the sniper "like a duck in a noose." Otherwise, the caller told police, "be sure to know that we will not deviate" from previous threats to kill more people.

Other testimony focused on a note found Oct. 22 near the Silver Spring, Md., location where bus driver Conrad Johnson was slain. The note read: "For you Mr. police, call me God. Do not release to the press. Can you hear us now? Do not play these childish games with us. You know our

demands."

According to Horan, the note also said Johnson was killed because police hadn't responded quickly enough to earlier demands for money, telling police: "Your incompetence has cost you another life."

Prosecutors said they will take their case against Malvo to a grand jury Tuesday and hope to bring the case to trial this summer. After the hearing, defense lawyers said that court papers, which in juvenile court are sealed, indicate that Malvo's name is actually Lee Boyd Malvo.

Muhammad faces trial in October in neighboring Prince William County for the Oct. 9 slaying of Dean Meyers at a Manassas gas station.

NATURE

Research helps undergraduates

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"The stuff that I did at BYU with the evolutionary principles directly associates with what I'm doing right now with cancer and heart disease," Maxwell said. "I was able to get into every place I applied to, directly because of the people I worked with and the experience they were able to give me."

Whiting said that research, if it is properly supervised, can help undergraduates greatly.

Crandall put the significance of the findings into perspective.

"We've been advised by the leaders of this church to gain knowledge and truth," he said. "We don't get knowledge and truth to gain a job or economic success. That's what basic research is about — it's simply to learn and know. That's what makes it fun."

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[Editorial]

A modest proposal

Raising BYU standards and necklines

For being the middle of winter, there is a lot of flesh being exposed. Then again, for being the middle of January, it feels a lot like the middle of May. No matter at a time when turtlenecks and long sleeves should dominate campus, scantily clad students abound.

We are not the only ones who have noticed. President Bateman made modesty one of his key points at Tuesday's Devotional. He expressed concern that the "world's dress fashions for women are becoming tighter and more revealing." The male students got a similar reprimand for their long hair and lax clothing.

With all the recent emphasis that has been placed on modesty, one would think that it is a new concept. Yet, modesty is as old as man. The ancient Greek orator Demades said, "Modesty is the citadel of beauty." That was 350 B.C.

Today, modesty remains a struggle, despite its many-touted virtues. Sometimes, it is just an issue of personal judgment. After all, some alumni are still reeling from BYU's decision to allow women to wear pants. Obviously, modesty is subject to new trends, but it must not be their victim. Permitting shorts on campus is entirely different than allowing hot pants.

The sad reality, however, is that many students push acceptable modesty levels just for the sake of pushing. BYU students seem to get a thrill out of toeing the lines of decency. Many are concerned with how much they can do without breaking concrete commandments, while others are obsessed with how little they can wear without bringing an Honor Code citation upon themselves.

This epidemic of "legal rebelliousness" is spreading across campus. It permeates every facet of student life. There are the students who observe the minimal requirements of church attendance. There are the students who encourage sin, while fearfully abstaining. There are the students who embrace casual cursing.

While a few bad words seem harmless, and occasionally humorous, what is really accomplished? Does the student body stop in awe and marvel at the independence of such individuals? To modify the classic question: If a person loses his integrity when no one is watching, does he still make a point?

The lines of decency are so thin that we are forced to be our own judges. Many students run with this freedom, blurring standards at their convenience. Yet, would it not be easier, more practical and, ultimately, more virtuous to draw a conservative black line for ourselves?

We are not here to condemn, but to propose a solution. Maybe students could get excited about being as good as possible, rather than the opposite. Instead of taking a foot when we're given an inch, we could find happiness in an honorable centimeter. It might not be much, but it's a modest start.

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VIEWPOINT

Writer's block

Reading, writing and law school

By CHRIS SEIFERT

I am a writer.

I don't say this because I expect to ever win a Pulitzer Prize or land a book on the New York Times bestseller list.

I don't profess any exceptional talent, really. I simply claim the venerable title of writer because I've been doing it since I was 6 years old.

My writing career began when I wrote and illustrated the adventures of "Wally the Walrus." That adventure spawned several sequels, in fact, with my primary readership consisting of my immediate family and home teachers.

Even then, I knew there was nothing quite like creating something new and wonderful and uniquely mine.

There is a rush that comes to any writer or artist at the end of the creative process, I suppose. It's a feeling I can't get enough of.

Why then, as I enter my final semester of college, do I find myself filling out applications to law schools almost automatically?

Yes, law school.

When my father first learned my intentions, I was certain his next step was to excommunicate me from the family.

Lawyers are liars, thieves, crooks. Everyone knows that. I might as well go find a nice job in used car sales.

Sure, lawyers do a lot of writing, you say, but I'm still not certain legalese qualifies as writing in my book.

I once heard a professor say that too many BYU students are faithless when selecting their majors and/or future occupations. (The professor was para-

phrasing Hugh Nibley or a general authority's neighbor, I think.)

If students had real faith, the professor said, they would put their lives in God's hands and choose the career that made them happiest. If you truly love what you're doing, you'll do it well enough to make a living, he said.

I prided myself on not being one of those sellouts.

I mean, really, how many students in the Tanner Building sincerely want to be there? How many wouldn't rather be in the HFAC playing violin or in the JKHB reading Shakespeare? How many of us give up on dreams in exchange for the bigger paycheck and some stability?

And yet, maybe writers have something even more important than either of those things: a sense of fulfillment.

We writers like to tell ourselves we're doing our part to illuminate the human condition. Surely, what we do makes a difference. But good lawyers can make a difference too.

So maybe this law school fiend in me wants to have its cake and eat it too. Perhaps, for me, law is the middle ground between personal fulfillment and stability.

Yes, I've been through this all a thousand times in my mind. The challenge of law school is alluring.

Who knows, maybe there isn't a place for me in law school and I'll find a good newspaper job somewhere. But I keep thinking I'm selling myself short if I don't at least give this thing a try.

Deep down, though, the writer in me can't help feeling just the slightest bit guilty.

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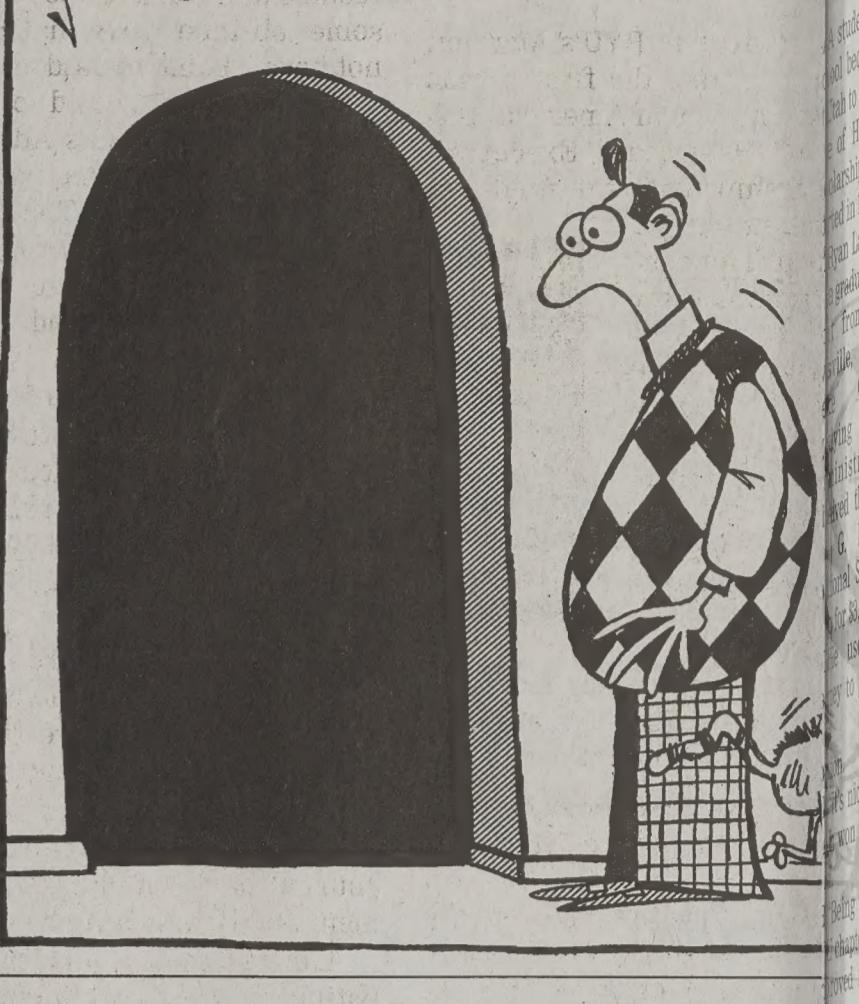
By BOB GORRELL



AS I SEE IT



The Free Lance Star



[Readers' Forum]

Back on track

Every winter semester, those who enjoy walking, jogging and running know that they will have some difficulty scheduling a time to exercise in the Smith Fieldhouse. Understandably, the inside track must be reserved for large blocks of time to afford the track teams and other athletic groups time to practice. Still, there is usually a time in the morning when the track is open for free-play.

Unfortunately, this year the tracks posted hours for free-play are 6-9 a.m. and 6-10 p.m. In other words, virtually the entire day, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., is reserved for a very small group of the university population. While some may be able to avail themselves of the early morning and evening open hours, many of us cannot use the track during those periods.

During the winter months, health considerations discourage many from running outside, so it is ironic that programs such as Y-Be-Fit and the BYU Wellness Program encourage us to make cardio exercise part of our regular regimen while university facilities, meant for the benefit of faculty, staff, and students as well as athletes, are virtually unavailable.

I hope that the College of Health and Human Performance will reconsider the schedule this semester and provide, at least, a two-hour open block to all of us and not continue to cater to a very select group.

ERIC D. HUNTSMAN

Provo

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Off the hook

I don't really have any big bone to pick with UTA. I can live with them that they're late sometimes and over that time I almost got run over by them as a community we've been working hard at spreading the good news of free busing. It makes me happy to my friends now realize they mustn't be afraid to take the grueling 7-minute walk to class.

With the winter semester in force, I have noticed a few more students using the buses. OK, maybe a bit than a few. Actually, I had to pour my way into a flooded bus the other day as some students poured out windows and others got squashed. I think one kid had to sit on the bus driver's lap. Now, I realize that in a community we need to become more realistic.

After some deep thought and conversations with those I've now become close to through our daily bus experiences, I've realized there's a clear simple conclusion. Remember hooks we had in the back of our elementary school homerooms that ever hung their coats and backpacks on them.

With a little time and effort, we get those hooks on the outside of UTA buses. Nobody would ever be scared that somebody would steal their backpack, because nobody steals the bikes on the racks on the side of the buses. Just think of all the things we could then utilize for more important things, like our bodies. I mean, people have really big backpacks.

DANNY WOEST

Cincinnati

War wrong

As an all-out war with Iraq seems to be drawing closer, I want to take this opportunity to protest it. War in Iraq cannot be justified by 9/11. Many innocent people were killed, but killing more innocent people in Iraq cannot change that, nor prevent future terrorism. On the contrary, terrorism will only increase if the U.S. continues to bully smaller countries.

Bad U.S. foreign policy led to resentment and indirectly to the events of 9/11, as terrible and unwarranted as they were. A change in foreign policy is a better response than simply amplifying the bad decisions that cause anti-American feelings to begin with. Increased diplomatic efforts and unity between the U.S. and Arab nations would have a better chance to pacify and root out terrorism. Al Qaeda may be extremist, but their resentment towards the United States is not wholly unjustified.

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Going Hussein

I found the recent "Open letter to W" very interesting. It demonstrated no respect for our President, particularly his policy toward Iraq. The cute written droll and the sarcastic slur about trigger-happy Texans were fairly harmless. What wasn't so harmless was the formulation of opinion on stereotypes, prejudices and lack of information.

The threat of Iraqi attacks on Israel is credible. The letter said that Hussein has the ability to "level Israel." If that is the case, don't you think that someone ought to do something about it? Obviously, the United Nations is important in this area — Iraq has been flying in the face of the U.N. for decades. You pointed out Iraq's capabilities, as Hussein, himself, pointed out his willingness to use them. Many people paint President Bush as a trigger-happy cowboy trying to hide economic woes in battle smoke.

Face it — Saddam is armed.

TROY FLAKE
Springville

What's in a name

I believe that most students here appreciate how the different buildings around campus are named after various general authorities and prominent people of the church. At the psychology one is reminded of Spencer W. Kimball and some of his teachings. While grabbing a bite to eat, Earnings Wilkinson is brought back to mind. Many a lady has refused me her card because she had a date with Harold.

It is growing trepidation, however, that I have walked our campus and attended certain classes of late. My concern is this: some of the buildings on campus are misnamed, leaving students (myself included) in a state of confusion, drawing false associations.

For example, I simply cannot figure why someone so wonderful as Ezra Taft Benson should be etched in stone and linked in the minds of so many types and trembling and nausea? Consider the experiences most students have that building, wouldn't it be more appropriate to name it after, say, an early seer of the church? Associate prophet of the Lord with so much energy and so many bad grades and raccoon eyes you get from laboring just doesn't seem right.

But my biggest concern is beloved Testing Center. Why is it named after Heber J. Grant? much careful pondering, I would propose a new name for the building. The J. Golden Kimball building. By giving the name, we could then install designated "venting zones" dim beneath the terminals where the grades are posted.

By carefully designating the names to our BYU buildings, we can create a healthier, happier campus. What that's about — making our experience as good as possible? Besides, Heber J. Grant would thank

TREVOR MA

[Scripture]

Of the Day

"Put on, therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

COLOSSIANS 3:12-15



Celeste Anderson

Anderson, 23, a senior from Dallas, Texas, majoring in history, likes this scripture because "the list of qualities and guidelines in these verses helps me better understand the direction I should be going in my life."

Student wins national healthcare scholarship

By BECCA SILVA

A student at BYU's Marriott School became the first person to win an American College of Healthcare Executives scholarship since the fund was established in 1969.



Ryan Lambert
Scholarship recipient

Ryan Lambert, a graduate student from Taylerville, Salt Lake County, majoring in public administration, received the Fos G. McGaw National Scholarship for \$3,500. He used the money to pay for his year's tuition.

"It's nice that someone from BYU won the award," Lambert said.

Being vice president of the chapter of the ACHE really improved my chances of winning."

The 3,500 students affiliated with the ACHE, fewer than 20 Americans and Canadians have received the award during the two years.

"We're very pleased with the award that Ryan has received, and the ACHE scholarship is a competitive national award," Robert Parsons, chair of the Romney Institute of Public Management, stated in a news release.

Ryan is a serious student, working, conscientious and deserving of this scholarship award," Parsons said. Besides the financial relief provided by Lambert and his wife, Valli, the scholarship has opened other opportunities for him.

High traffic slows AIM

ANDREA J. CANDRIAN

Accessing AIM may have been slower than usual during the first few days of school due to volumes of students logging in simultaneously.

Students received a warning message when they logged into Route Y's page: "Due to high usage, there are system delays."

Subsequently, while trying to access AIM, students may have received "System Busy" errors telling them they could not log in all of AIM's components.

According to statistics from the Office of Information Technology Operations, 47,352 distinct users logged into Route Y during the first three days of the semester, averaging almost 16,000 users a day.

"I tried to drop a class, and I got an error message," Bethany Cole, 22, a senior from Salisbury, Md., majoring in Family Human Development. "It was very frustrating."

I wanted to punch the screen."

Open Access Computer lab assistant Veronica Coone, 25, a senior from St. Louis, Mo., majoring in Technology Teacher Education, said even though the OIT has tried to improve Route Y, with so many students logging in, the high number of students exceeds the normal capacity.

The only time it is like this is when students are registering for classes, and when they are adding and dropping classes at the beginning of each semester, Coone said.

"I think students understand," Coone said. "With more people doing it [registering] online than on the phone, it's difficult."

Coone has worked as a lab assistant for two and a half years.

She said she sees the same problem with AIM every semester.

Although AIM caused frustrations with many students over the past week, Jacob Reynolds, 23, a senior from Orem, majoring in economics and philosophy, said he was pleased with the success he had using AIM the first few days of school.

Biblical scholar presents temple research

Professor compares biblical temples with those of other ancient cultures

By SUZANNE BRIGGS

Research has found similarities between temples built in ancient civilizations and in the Bible, says an authority on the Old Testament and Semitic languages.

Richard Averbeck, a religion professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, spoke Wednesday at a forum, discussing comparisons between biblical and Sumerian temples.

Averbeck presented his research on the Gudea cylinders in comparison to biblical accounts of temple construction.

The Gudea cylinders are two hollow clay barrels from the Sumerian time period that contain narrative poetic hymns

with parallel lines and elaborate figurative languages. They tell a story about Gudea, the king of Sumeria, and building a temple shaped and modulated by rituals.

"The temple building hymns recorded on Gudea cylinders A and B is renowned as one of the lengthiest and most skillful masterpieces in the corpus of extant Sumerian literature," Averbeck said.

Averbeck has researched the Gudea cylinders at the Louvre in Paris, trying to decipher the hymnal message that is scripted on the cylinders.

"The Sumerians were the progenitors of the cuneiform writing system. Because their writing was stored on clay, the information was preserved, and we can study it today and find

these fascinating comparisons," Averbeck said.

The Gudea cylinders can be compared to the Bible by the stages in temple building recorded by each.

In both Sumerian and biblical societies, the decision to build came about by divine sanction. Also, they were both built upon rituals for prayers, festivities and blessings for the king.

"Seeing similarities in this manner is so interesting because I feel that it is through divine intervention that we have these marvels," Jerry Hansen III, a senior from Rexburg, Idaho, majoring in international relations.

The temples were built for the civilization's prosperity in the ancient Near East and in biblical societies. In both communities, divine call was necessary for the temple to be built, and in had to be built in exact accordance with the divine plan.

In each civilization the laying of the first brick was very important, and both civilizations built their temples upon the nearest mountain or hill.

"Averbeck's similarities between the Bible and the Gudea cylinders gave myself a great insight and knowledge on the traditional biblical temples," said Holly Green, a senior from Santa Barbara, Calif., majoring in Near Eastern studies.

Averbeck studied at the University of Wisconsin and then attended Calvary Bible College in Kansas City, Mo., where he began his academic study of the Bible and converted to Christianity.

He received a master's of divinity at Grace Theological Seminary in Winona Lake, Ind., and received his doctorate degree in ancient Near Eastern studies and biblical Hebrew at the Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning.

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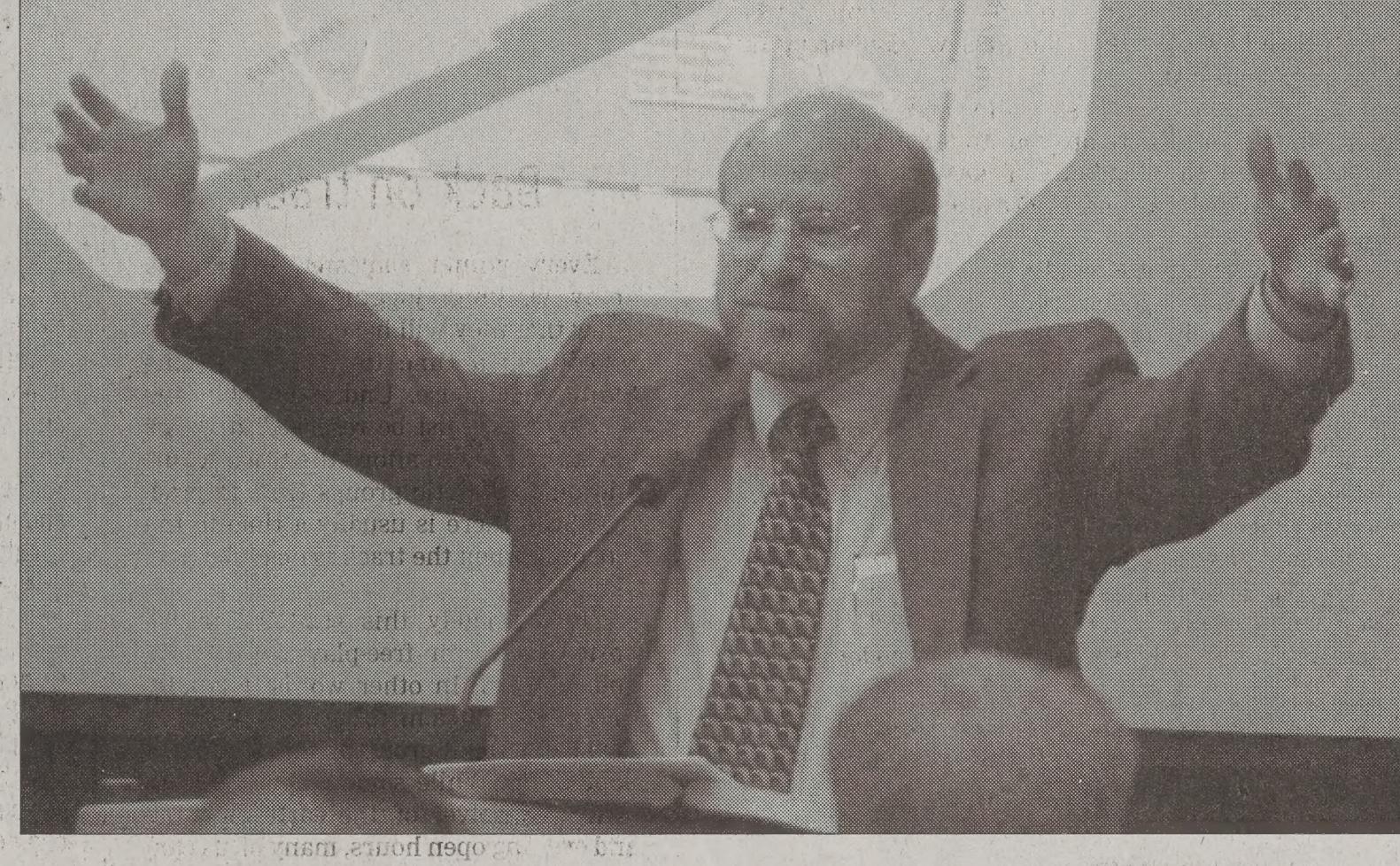


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Intramurals' new three-strikes rule aims to clean up the games

By JAMES HARRIS

BYU's Intramural Activities Office just changed its sportsmanship rules for all intramural sports this year because of arguments, profanities and fights.

In response to the problems that the office has had with some players in past years it has created a new three-strokes-you're-out rule, a rule the office hopes will help players understand the severity of their actions.

"We hope that this new program will help encourage students to have good sportsmanship," said Emily Andrews, assistant director of the Intramural Activities Office.

The majority of players of intramural sports do not cause any problems, but 10 percent of all players got a penalty card in the last two years. Another 10 percent of those got more than one.

A lot of those penalty cards came from arguing with officials or using profane words. Of the eight offenses a player can do to get a card, four of them concern what a player can say.

"One of the greatest challenges we have is that some people won't take a call," said Allison Schirtzinger, an intramural sports supervisor.

When players argue or swear they often get a yellow card for their misbehavior.

"The yellow cards are given out more often," Andrews said.

Some players think there are good reasons for receiving a yellow card.

"I have had teammates get yellow cards. They deserved it for yelling at the officials too long, but the officials need to be yelled at and take some of the comments to heart," said Greg Nef, a junior majoring in computer science from Fresno, Calif.

More severe than the yellow card is the red card, which is given out for fighting or directional swearing.

With the new three-strike-

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Emily Andrews
Director, Intramural Activities Office

you're-out rule the yellow card is worth one point and the red is worth two.

When players get three points from any of the sports they play, they are suspended for the semester.

"After people get two points we send them a warning."

Andrews said.

"We want them to know that when they get another card they are gone, no surprises."

Of the 11,000 participants of intramural sports last year, only about 60 were suspended because of poor sportsmanship, but that was under the old rule system.

The new system is stricter with the intention of reigning in a few players.

"Players know who it is on their team that they need to control," Andrews said.

"On every team there are good players (in sportsmanship) and bad ones. We expect the good ones to keep the bad ones under control."

The number of strikes a team can get has been reduced to six in the regular and four in tournament play before it is suspended.

Last year there were approximately 11,000 participants in intramural sports, including students and others who live in a BYU ward. This year there are an estimated 3,960 participants in men's intramural basketball alone.

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In addition to the sports already mentioned, some other sports available this semester

Intramural sports under way

By JAMES HARRIS

Floor hockey, basketball and wallyball are just some of the intramural sports beginning for thousands of BYU students this semester.

Intramural sports are a large part of the experience BYU has to offer, and there are many taking advantage of that opportunity.

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In addition to the sports already mentioned, some other sports available this semester

are aerobics, indoor tennis, racquetball, flag football, table tennis and a slam-dunk contest.

With all the options available, students often play for different reasons.

"The real reason (I play an intramural sport) is because I love sports," said Zach Largey, a student from Provo majoring in English. "Intramural sports seem like a good way to get exercise."

Other students participate in intramural sports because of the convenience of the program.

"It's easier to fit an intramural schedule than a league schedule," said Erick Lacko, a student from Denver majoring in accounting and Russian. "There's not much else you can do."

Some students play because they enjoy the specific experience the program gives.

"I play because there is some

good competition on campus and it is always fun to play semi-organized ball," said Greg Nef, a junior majoring in computer science.

Some students have unconventional reasons for playing.

"I played basketball because I wanted to get the T-shirt," Scott Bodily, a student from Terrell, Davis County, referred to the T-shirt students get when they win an intramural tournament.

Many of the schedules for intramural sports this semester have already sold out, but there are some sports that will have schedules go on sale in mid-January.

Two of those are flag football and tennis, which are normally very popular. Students can contact the Intramural Activities Office in the Rich Building, Room 112A.

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Y students win four awards at entomology conference in Fla.

By EMILY HALECK

BYU students brought home four out of six awards from an entomology conference in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., beating out Ph.D. students from across the country.

The three-day conference, which was held in November, focused on entomology, or the scientific study of insects.

Though BYU students have participated in the past, they have never won any awards, said participant James Robertson.

"It kind of showed other hardcore entomology departments out there that BYU is a force to be reckoned with," said Robertson, 27, a recent BYU graduate from Provo.

Robertson said his 10-minute presentation on the evolution of pleasing fungus beetles earned him second place in his section.

BYU's other winners were Matthew Terry, Heath Ogden and Joshua Jones.

Terry and Ogden, both graduate students, won first and second places, respectively, in their oral presentation sections.

Their section of entomology dealt with systematics, morphology and evolution.

Jones, the undergraduate of the group, won an award for his informational poster on scorpion flies.

It was his first time presenting.

To prepare for the annual conference, which was sponsored by the Entomological Society of America, the students did a lot of in-depth research.

"Research has gone on for hundreds of years, and there's still a lot of things we're discovering," Terry said.

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Musical cast 'crazy' about hard work

By CYNDI HINSON

The cast of "Crazy for You" isn't crazy at all.

"There's a lot of talent in production," said director Marion Bentley. "We have many actors with a good deal of professional experience."

The cast spends close to 20 hours a week in rehearsal in addition to carrying a full school load.

Kelly Fotheringham is a junior from Las Vegas, majoring in music, dance and theater.

In addition to the long hours of rehearsal, she is taking 18 and a half credits.

Fotheringham said she is going to cram in every last possible class she can before graduating in April.

"It's definitely time consuming," Fotheringham said.

But hard work doesn't stop them from doing what they love.

Another music, dance and theater major, junior Oliver Gaag from Geneva, Switzerland, said he wasn't sure at first about pursuing theater as a career.

"I always loved theater and performing, but I always

thought I would just do it as a hobby," Gaag said.

Gaag was majoring in psychology, but after awhile, he realized that his passion for performing could not be contained and he changed his major.

"I needed something that was going to get me up in the morning, something that would fascinate me, keep me interested and make me want to work," Gaag said.

However, some of the cast never had a doubt about pursuing a career in theater.

Natalie Wheeler, a senior from Idaho Falls, Idaho, also majoring in music, dance and theater, started on her path to performing in first grade by saying her name louder than anyone else in her school.

She transferred from Southern Utah University seeking the best possible training.

"I needed a musical theater program that was solid in all three areas of music, dance and theater," Wheeler said.

She is planning on going to New York with her senior's showcase project and perform for agents and casting directors in hopes of getting an agent.



Photo by Theater and Media Arts Department

The cast of "Crazy for You" is made up of students with various experiences under their belt. Most of the cast members have similar goals such as professional careers in New York City — the most popular place for cast members. "Crazy for You" opens Jan. 22 in the de Jong Concert Hall in the Harris Fine Arts Center.

Book looks to give direction for women

BONNI FERGUSON

"Where Do I Go From Here," a published book by BYU alumna Jan Pinborough and University alumna Irene Erickson, aims at helping young women of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints seek to fulfill their personal life missions.

every time you are using your gift to contribute something to the world, you are fulfilling your personal mission," said Pinborough. "It is something that you do everyday as you apply your gift and also your challenge.

Erickson and Pinborough

motivated to write the book

observing the lack of female

models in church materials.

There [are] lots of role models

from the scriptures and

magazines of what it is to

be a godly or righteous man,"

Pinborough said. "But there are not many of women, and especially women who are in different paths... or under [different] circumstances."

"I think that the Church has a really good institution for males because it's pretty much set up for them what they are supposed to do and when," said Desiree Fox, 19, a music, dance and theater major from Monticello, N.Y.

"As a young LDS woman it has been really confusing as to what my future needs to be," she said.

Pinborough and Erickson said the difficulties of Latter-day Saint women transitioning from one stage of life to another is apparent.

"Too many women, especially here at BYU have this idea in their head that, I'm supposed to get married now. I'm supposed to do this now," said Fox. "This book will open [BYU women's] eyes to all of the opportunities that we have before we get married or go on a mission or do

whatever we plan to do.

By featuring the stories of Latter-day Saint women from all walks of life, Erickson and Pinborough hope to shed light on different struggles and triumphs involved in a woman's quest to find her personal mission.

"[We found] wonderful women who have made a big difference in their own little spheres," said Erickson.

"A lot of women...have a story to tell — something they have done," said Pinborough. "We cast our nets and found a sampling, and there are lots more out there.

Erickson and Pinborough hope their message reaches the women of BYU.

"[You] have a heroic role to play," said Pinborough. "As you respond to [God's] call, you will discover that the Lord does indeed have a personal mission for you."

"I would like to echo President Hinckley to young women of the church," Erickson said. "Rise up

and stand for something — make a difference. It's not all about us. It's about what we can do and what we've been given."

"Where Do I Go From Here?" is sold at the BYU Bookstore, Deseret Book and through merchants online. Erickson and Pinborough will sign books at Barnes and Noble in Orem on March 22, from noon to 2 p.m.

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Fifth Harry Potter book to be published June 21

Associated Press

LONDON — More Muggles mania is expected after J.K. Rowling's publishers announced that her fifth book about wide-eyed junior wizard Harry Potter will be published in Britain, the United States and several other countries on June 21.

Much anticipated, and somewhat delayed, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" is 768 pages long, and by word count one-third longer than its predecessor, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," published in 2000.

That's just about all that was revealed in a joint statement Wednesday from Britain's Bloomsbury Publishers and Scholastic Children's Books in the U.S. Details of Harry's latest adventure remain as secret as the whereabouts of Diagon Alley, where Harry famously buys his wizard supplies.

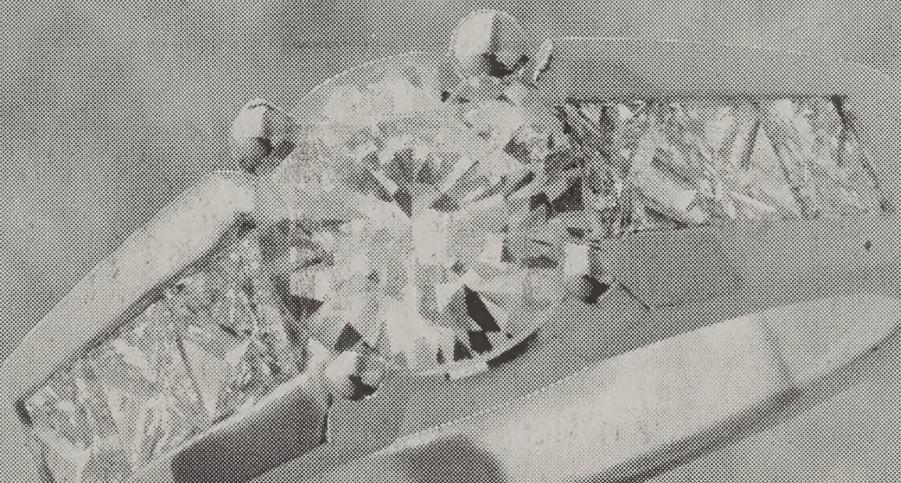
The plot remains a mystery.

but the publisher did reveal how the book begins: "The hottest day of the summer so far was drawing to a close and a drowsy silence lay over the large, square houses of Privet Drive... The only person left outside was a teenage boy who was lying flat on his back in a flowerbed outside number four."

And youngsters will have a few months to ponder what Hogwarts headmaster Albus Dumbledore means when he tells Harry, some pages on, "It is time... for me to tell you what I should have told you five years ago, Harry. Please sit down. I am going to tell you everything."

Some fans may have to squint through the "Order of Phoenix." One reason for all those pages is that publishers have used a smaller type. "The last book was pretty chunky, and we wanted to prevent this one being too big," said Bloomsbury spokeswoman Rosamund de la Hey.

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Cinderella and her evil stepsisters practice for "Ashputtel," German for "Cinderella," in the upcoming "Grimm Tales." The tales originally taught children moral lessons between right and wrong behaviors and choices.

'Grimm Tales' not what they seem

By ELIZABETH LEWIS

The Theater and Media Arts Department aims for young audiences to see the morals in its naughtier than nice production of Grimm Tales.

Megan Sanborn Jones, an instructor in the Theater and Media Arts Department, directs "Grimm Tales," which plays at BYU from Feb. 14 through 22.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$9 for the public. Showtime is 7:30 p.m., with no Monday or Sunday performances. Matinees will be on Feb. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m. There will be previews on Feb. 12 and 13, where tickets will be half-price.

The cast will also perform in elementary schools in the Wasatch Front area, giving more than 50 performances this semester after they begin their tour on Jan. 28. BYU students ranging from freshmen to graduates form the cast.

Jones previously directed "Yellow China Bell" and this season she choreographed "Crazy for You."

"The original fairy tales are pretty scary and these are based on the original versions," Jones said. "The point we are trying to get across is that the world is scary. But despite all the dark things that could happen, if you

are a good person and you make good choices, in the end, it will end happily."

The Theater and Media Arts Department based its production of Grimm Tales on an adaptation of the fairy tales by Welsh poet Carol Ann Duffy and The Royal Shakespeare Company. Duffy adapted the original Grimm fairy tales into short stories and The Royal Shakespeare Company took these short stories and adapted them for the stage.

The four fairy tales in this production are "Ashputtel," which is German for "Cinderella," "The Golden Goose," "Hansel and Gretel" and "The Magic Table, the Gold Donkey, and the Cudgel in a Sack." Jones described the latter as a fun piece, though not as well known. She said all the tales are highly theatrical and told in a storytelling format.

Jamie Elizabeth Burt, from Salt Lake City, a second-year graduate student in Theater and Media Arts with an emphasis in Theater for Young Audiences, plays one of the mean stepsisters, a character in "The Golden Goose," a dancing tree and the father in "The Magic Table."

"I think it's really cool that Megan is doing the original versions of these fairy tales from Germany," Burt said. "They are not all sweet and happy; they are kind of scary! They were originally to teach little kids lessons, to

beware of this or that. I think the kids will like it and think they are kind of funny and different. They will be different from the versions they have grown up with. This will expose them to where the fairy tales really came from."

Jones said in each fairy tale the bad characters have an opportunity to make a good choice and the heroes have an opportunity to make a bad choice.

"Cinderella could be a nasty woman," Jones said. "She could be mean but instead, because she remains good, she is rewarded. The same thing happens in each fairy tale."

Kika Vila Nova, a BYU theater graduate student from Brazil, worked with Jones on the production. Jones said that Vila Nova has extensive experience working with young audiences in Brazil. She said Vila Nova's research helped the cast and others involved with the production know how to gear the play toward young audiences and focus the stories.

"Kika has done quite a bit of research about how children deal with fears, nightmares, and dreams that are scary," Jones said. "We have woven those ideas in and think that the kids will like it. It's a different approach. This is a fun scary thing like 'Nightmare before Christmas.'"

Free recital to showcase Biblical stories in song

By ROB ROXBURGH

A BYU assistant professor of voice will perform a compilation of sacred songs based on Biblical texts Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Madsen Recital Hall.

Ruth Christensen, mezzo-soprano, will perform the recital "Voices of Praise: The Bible in Song." The program includes Benjamin Britten's "Abraham and Isaac," a 17-minute duet depicting the story of Abraham and his son. The piece is the pinnacle of Friday's performance.

"It's really considered a masterpiece," Christensen said. "Many of Benjamin Britten's vocal works are considered masterpieces. He really knew how to write for the voice. He knew how to set text incredibly well, dramatically and also just musically. He was a master composer."

Although the selection is a retelling of the Biblical story, the text is written in Old English and will be printed in the program.

The piece begins as God speaks with Abraham and commands him to sacrifice his son Isaac. It concludes as God returns to reward Abraham's obedience.

Christensen, who is in her third year of teaching at BYU, will be accompanied by guest artists Todd Queen, tenor, and James Margetts, pianist.

The three musicians first met one another while attending BYU as music majors. Queen is an assistant professor of voice at Colorado St. University in Ft. Collins, Colo., and Margetts teaches piano and theory at Aims Community College in Greeley, Colo.

This is not the first time that the three have performed "Voices of Praise." Christensen and her Colorado companions first performed the recital in Oct. 2002 in both Ft. Collins and Greeley.

Christensen said the Ft. Collins performance received a good reception, and an especially emotional response to "Abraham and Isaac."

The recital in Greeley was performed in a local church as part of their Vespers musical series. In reciprocation of Christensen's visit to Colorado, both Queen and Margetts have agreed to make the trip to perform on the BYU campus.

In addition to "Abraham and Isaac," the recital will feature "The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation" by Henry Purcell, a six-minute vocal piece based on Mary's feelings of anxiety as Christ was left behind at the temple in Jerusalem.

"I have to be careful, actually, with sacred music," Christensen said. "It's really really difficult for me to sing in church, much more than it is in an academic setting. But there's so many other vocal considerations in these pieces that I'm going to be very busy taking care of that rather than worrying too much about the emotion."

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"Voices of Praise: The Bible in Song" is a retelling of the Biblical story including "Abraham and Isaac."

Other featured pieces include a select "Biblical Songs" by Antonin Dvorak, Ned Rorem's "Cycle of Holy Songs" and the "Magnificat" by Johann Sebastian Bach.

New to the BYU performance is a piece that includes two Hebrew melodies sung in Hebrew and Yiddish.

Although the text for these pieces come from the Bible, Christensen feels they are an appropriate addition because they are taken from the Kaddish, a holy prayer used in Jewish faith.

Arden Hopkin, head of vocal music at BYU, said, "Ruth (Christensen) and Todd (Queen) are former graduates of BYU who have gone on to successful careers. They represent some of the really great successes of the BYU voice in the last ten years. They reflect both the cultural values and spiritual values in their recordings."

Christensen said that the theme of the recital is evident.

"I think the title really sums it up: 'Voices of Praise.' The Psalms really are very praising kinds of texts and because at least the sets of the recital are based on Psalms, that's the thing I think that comes across in the music and the praise towards God," Christensen said.

Admission to the recital is free.

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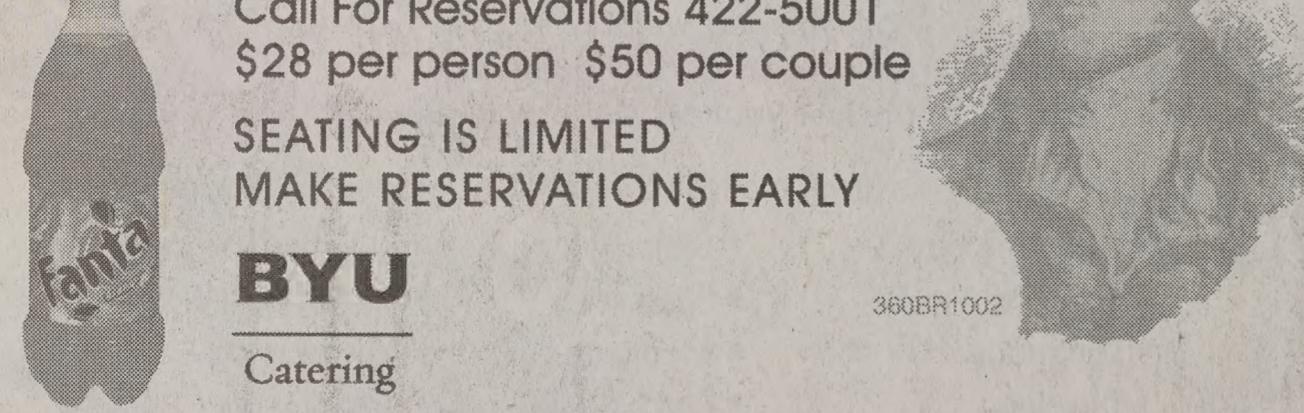
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BYU basketball kicks off conference competition today

men's home winning streak threatened by talented Rebels

By NIC GOODFELLOW

The men's basketball team tries to increase its nation-leading home winning streak to 44 games as it opens league play against a tough UNLV team tonight in the Marriott Center.

UNLV brings to Provo the most impressive record of any of the Cougars' opponents this year. The Rebels come into the game with an 11-2 overall record, with their own two losses coming from high-ranked opponents Wisconsin and Stanford.

The Rebels are led by center Dalron Johnson who is averaging over 15 points and six rebounds a game, and Marcus Banks, their second-scoring point guard who leads the team in scoring at 19 points a game, but is also the team leader in assists and steals.

"He's obviously a great guard...very quick," BYU sophomore guard Terry Nashif said. "You can't expect to stop him. We can't hope to contain him."

Nashif is coming off his first start of the season, but could see his time reduced tonight, senior guard Kevin Woodberry is more of a threat to UNLV than Nashif is. "My goal this game is to attack him," Woodberry said of Banks. "Coach told me it was time for me to start attacking people. That was like music to my ears, because I haven't really had a chance to do that all year."

Woodberry has shown shades of brilliance all season, and if he is able to find his early in the game, UNLV could have its hands full.

The bigger question for the Cougars might not be individual play, but how well they play together as a team offensively.

"We need to eliminate as much offensive page as we can," coach Steve Cleveland said. "We have been pretty solid defensively year."

The Cougars struggle offensively when get passive with the ball and aren't able to get into their offensive sets. This often results in bad decisions with the ball and many turnovers.

careless errors in the first half against State cost the Cougars the game. They had the ball over 13 times in the first half and only mustered 20 points, while in the second half they only turned the ball over 10 times and had no problem adding another 49 points to their total. But the damage had already been done.

The Cougars' best bet might be using size underneath. Four of UNLV's five



BYU's Terry Nashif works against a Rice player earlier this season. Nashif will have his hands full tonight against UNLV's Marcus Banks.

starters average at least 30 minutes a game, and account for over 80 percent of the Rebels' total offensive production.

The Rebels are undersized, starting three guards and two forwards, but hope their athleticism is enough to carry them over the top.

The Cougars need to force UNLV to beat them with their bench players and they can do that by making a constant effort to get the ball underneath and force the Rebels to either give up an easy hoop or put BYU on the foul line.

It then becomes the responsibility of the Cougars' big men to play well.

"We need to have a presence inside on both the offensive and defensive sides of the

court," BYU sophomore center Jared Jensen said.

Junior center Rafael Araujo has been dominant of late for the Cougars, collecting four double-doubles over the past six games.

A similar performance from him could be BYU's key to winning this game.

This is the Cougars' first big test at home and they know what they have been doing wrong and also what the solution is.

"We've been inconsistent in the pre-season," junior guard Mark Bigelow said. "If we want to win in this league we have to do this for 14 straight nights."

Tonight is game one. Tip-off is 7 p.m. in the Marriott Center.

Women looking for redemption against Colorado State

By HILLARY WALLACE

With the memory of last year's losses to Colorado State on their mind, the women's basketball team starts Mountain West Conference play this week with hope to redeem themselves.

"It's not a matter of revenge," assistant coach Ali Bills said. "It's a matter of personal pride with the players who played last year."

Last season the Cougars went 0-2 against the Rams. The key to Thursday's rematch against last year's regular season MWC champs will be defense.

"They hurt us a lot last year on threes," coach Jeff Judkins said. "We have to do a good job on their shooters, not letting them get open looks."

Colorado State's MWC Player of the Week, senior forward Ashley Augspurger, scored 28 points in a win against Holy Cross last week. She hit 5-of-5 three pointers and also tallied five rebounds, two assists and two steals against the Crusaders.

Judkins said defense against Colorado's outside shooters will be crucial for their first conference appearance. The Cougars' defense in the post will also be important so the guards can be free to cover the Rams' perimeter shooting.

"Colorado is playing good defensively," Judkins said. "They are very balanced."

Offensively, Judkins said his players need to take advantage of

their height and size to take pressure off All-American guard Erin Thorn who averages 18.5 points and 5 rebounds a game.

The Cougars will be playing their first game since losing sophomore point guard Julie Sullivan to a season-ending knee injury. She tore her ACL during practice Monday. Sullivan was averaging 6.7 points and 3.1 rebounds in the first 13 games of the season.

Sullivan's injury caused Judkins to adjust the line up: Junior guard Kestlee Nelson and Thorn will be his best options in filling the point guard position. Judkins said Nelson will start the game tonight.

Judkins also said he is concerned with Thorn getting the same scoring opportunities in the point guard position.

Turnovers have plagued the team in non-conference play and have been a major focus in practice this week. The Cougars averaged 19 turnovers a game and Judkins said his goal is to limit them to only 12 per game.

"We have emphasized taking care of the ball and limiting turnovers," Judkins said. "Turnovers hurt us a lot against Santa Barbara. They got a lot of easy baskets because we turned the ball over."

Overall, the Cougars are ready and excited to play their first conference game, Judkins said, despite losing Sullivan this week in practice.

"We have to come out and play hard," he said. "We have to be aggressive."

Bills said Judkins challenged the team to put together a full 48-minute game.

"If we play our game, we could really dominate the teams we're playing," Bills said.

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IceCats seek warm reception in California

Team begins three-game road trip tonight at USC

By MATT HARGREAVES

The three-game road trip to sunny southern California this weekend might be just what the IceCats need to get them out of their cool play as of late.

A personal grudge might not hurt either.

"Personally, I'm looking for some revenge," said junior winger Travis Little. "We played USC my freshman year and tied. It was my fault, really, they [USC] passed the puck across the ice and it hit my stick and went in the net. So I'm looking for some payback."

Mired in a three-game losing skid, the IceCats can look to their first opponent for motivation to win. Provo faces the University of Southern California, the three-time PAC-8 league champions, tonight in Los Angeles.

USC, 12-6-1, currently ranks 6th in the American Collegiate Hockey Association West Division. The Trojans are a senior-laden team, and have three players with over

40 points, including captain Raffie Kalajian, who has recorded 36 goals and 29 assists.

One thing Provo has on its side is a size advantage. No player on USC is over 200 pounds. The tallest player, 6-ft 3-in, is the goalie. None of the team's short-staffed defensemen, a position usually requiring size, is very large.

Although the teams haven't met recently, coach Patrick Perrett expects USC to play a very tough game. The IceCats themselves have been working hard on defensive fundamentals and puck movement.

"We've been working on a lot of fundamentals," Perrett said. "We want a less rigid system. We want to give the defense more freedom to move up with the puck and avoid the fore-checking of the other team."

When asked about USC's star forward, Perrett said they would want to assign their best defender to keep track of him.

Normally that would mean Travis Little; however, because of a disqualification during the game at Utah State, Little will have to serve a one-game suspension.

With the loss of Little, shadowing Kali-jan may become the responsibility of junior winger Nathan Orr, whom Perrett described as "a great fore-checker."

After the USC game, the IceCats will

move south to play California State-University of Long Beach. Long Beach, 3-6-1, is currently ranked 12th in the ACHA.

The two teams played earlier in the year, with the IceCats winning 5-3 in Provo. Long Beach expects to have a large crowd at home, but the 49ers will not have complete dominance in the stands.

"A lot of members from the local wards will be coming to cheer for BYU," Perrett said.

The final game of the trip will find the IceCats skating near the beaches of San Diego State University Saturday night.

SDSU, 5-8-2, has only won once in the last 10 games. Although the Aztecs are the weakest of the three teams, Perrett said he doesn't want to take them too lightly.

"There are no easy teams to play against," he said.

This week's games come in the wake of coach Ray Bernier's resignation from the team. Despite the loss of their leader behind the bench, Perrett says the IceCats have great leadership on the ice from their captain, senior forward Greg Ingram.

"Ingram is a great leader," Perrett said. "The guys really follow him on the ice."

This will be the last extended road trip for the IceCats this season.

Over 30 underclassmen declare for NFL draft

Wednesday was the last day college underclassmen could declare themselves eligible for April's NFL draft. Some notables include:

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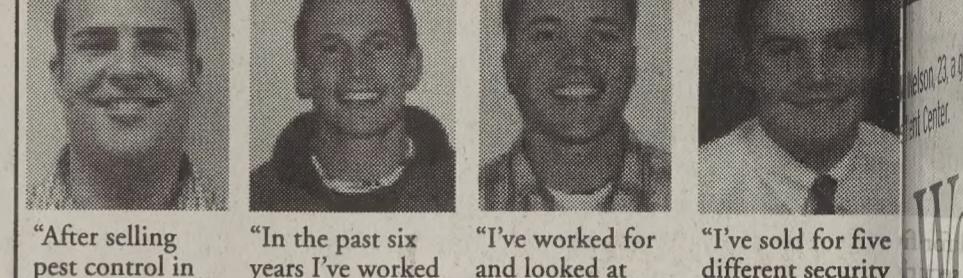
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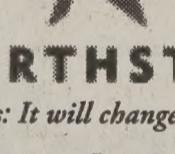
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Winning not enough: 49ers fire Mariucci

Winning record, four playoff appearances can't save coach's job

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Steve Mariucci was fired as coach of the San Francisco 49ers on Wednesday after six seasons without a trip to the Super Bowl.

Mariucci was released from the final year of his contract. He jockeyed unsuccessfully for a contract extension last season.

Mariucci went 57-39 while leading the 49ers to four playoff berths. The team was knocked out of this postseason last weekend with a 31-6 loss at Tampa Bay.

"This is not a performance issue that has forced us to reach this decision. Rather, our decision is based on a difference in philosophy."

John York
49ers owner

This is not a performance issue that has forced us to reach this decision. Rather, our decision is based on a difference in philosophy.

Defensive tackle Sean Moran called Wednesday "a sad day for the players."

"I can't believe they let him go. He's a great coach and a wonderful human being," Moran said outside the team's training facility, where the announcement of the firing was made. "You could actually talk to him. He wasn't one of those dictator

types who you're afraid to meet with because you don't know what will happen."

Coaches mentioned as possible replacements for Mariucci include former Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green and Tom Coughlin, who was fired by the Jacksonville Jaguars two weeks ago.

Another possibility men-

tioned for the 49ers would be to try to bring back legendary coach Bill Walsh, who has spent the last few years working in San Francisco's front offices.

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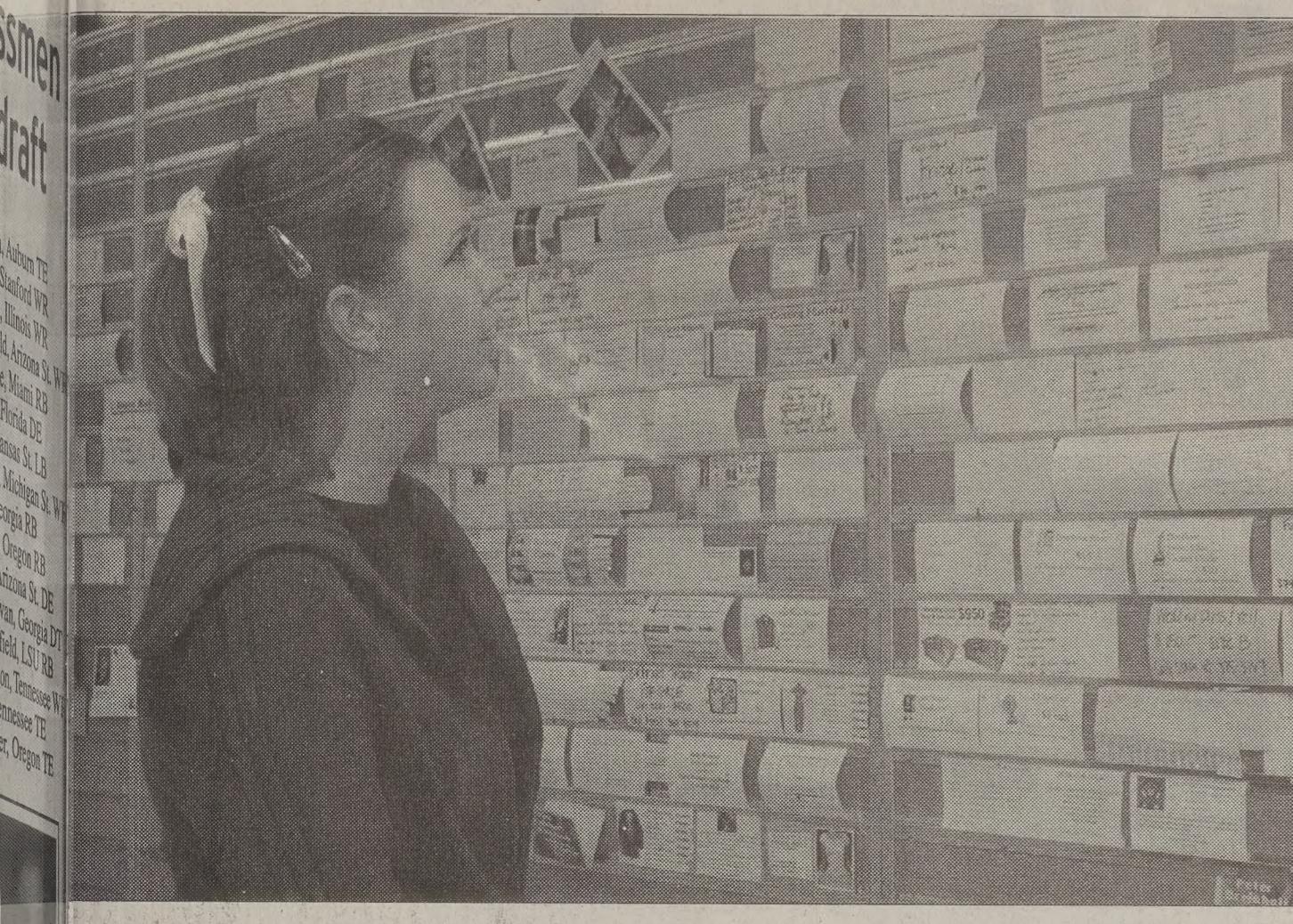


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Suzanne Nielsen, 23, a graduate student in anthropology examines the housing contracts available in the Wilkinson Student Center.

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By JENNIFER GUERTIN

first month rent free! Sign now for special discounts on fall and winter contracts! Housing contracts for sale, posted by students in room stalls, in stairwells and on the Internet are now near the semester change, but this year are more than usual. Climbing vacancy rates are forcing apartment owners, as well as students, to offer enticing discounts. The problem is particularly strong in the women's housing market.

"Basically, we're just overbuilt," said Steve Ben, an off-campus housing specialist. "They're building quite a few complexes over by UVSC. It draws a lot of people away from our centralized location in Provo."

The BYU Off-Campus Housing Office has moved at least four new complexes in the past two years, Nielsen said.

Several housing owners have responded to the increased vacancy rates by offering discounts to willing to sign early for fall/winter contracts.

Foxwood, a large provider of student housing,

draws a \$100 off their first month's rent if you sign a contract now.

"We're not the only ones doing this," said Danny Ben, a Foxwood manager. "We call the other com-

plexes to see how they're doing. They do the same to us. It's the same all over. A lot of places are lowering rents or offering discounts. We've also shortened our contract for condos from one year to nine months."

John Payne, a Provo rental property owner, said he accepts the added pressure from vacancies as part of the business.

"We have to go with whatever market conditions we find ourselves faced with," Payne said.

Payne said he intends to wait awhile and see how the advertising goes before he starts selling contracts.

The increase in housing means lower rent and possibly higher living standards for BYU students, but tenants haven't been immune to vacancy rate complications.

"It's been really hard to sell contracts lately," said Melanie Parry, a BYU senior who listed her contract with BYU housing at the beginning of November. "Mine is relatively cheap and in a good location, but there haven't been any bites."

This problem has been particularly true for single women.

The Off-Campus Housing Department lists about 200 male contracts for sale on their Web site. Contracts available for single women average about 500.

"From what I understand, that's also a community-wide problem," said Ryan Cox, a manager at Campus Plaza. "We have quite a few women's contracts for sale, but only one men's contract."

Payne said he agrees.

"Everybody decided to rent to women this year," Payne said. "Several complexes changed from single men to single women. I don't know why."

Study indicates Utah taxes poor more heavily than rich

By MATTHEW CLAYTON

A recent study points the finger of blame at Utah for unfairly taxing the poor while giving the rich a significant discount.

The study published by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy asserts that in the state of a struggling national economy, Utah is not helping to shoulder the burdens of the lower income which includes most BYU students.

According to the ITEP Web site, the study concludes that families earning less than \$20,000 annually pay 11.5 percent of their income in state and local taxes. In effect, this means the bottom fifth of Utah's families end up more than twice the percentage of their earnings than the top 5 percent of Utah taxpayers pay.

Utah's state tax is regressive, meaning that the citizens who benefit the least actually pay a bigger share of their income than wealthier Utahns," said Brett Baker, American Heritage professor at BYU. "This is particularly evident in commodities most

people deem to be necessary like gasoline and groceries."

Robert McIntyre, tax policy director for the ITEP, agrees.

"Consumption taxes are the most regressive, laying a difficult burden on the ones who need the most relief," he said.

According to McIntyre, the fact that Utah's wealthy taxpayers, making on average \$82,000, pay only 5.5 percent of their income in taxes, after federal deductions, is a sign of either corruption or ignorance.

"Many factors influence the decision to ignore blatant inequity," said McIntyre, the study's designer. "Legislatures are always changing and often they are people without an extensive economic background. That is why we do these studies, they need to be informed."

He also cited pressure from lobbyists and others who campaign for the causes of the rich as a major factor contributing to the tax mess.

"It's a cruel strategy that gouges the poor for relatively small gains, doesn't help the middle class at all, yet favors the rich

who could stand to at least pay their share," McIntyre said.

Professor Latimer also said he laments the lack of representation for the cause of the poor, in a system that clearly caters to the wealthy.

However, he said he sees students as being right on the fringe. They are poor now but in a few years they will be at the other end of the spectrum.

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Loans still available to students

By REED PARKER LARSEN

With tuition due Friday, some students are still looking for ways to pay this semester's education bills.

Though classes have already started, students may still apply for financial aid through BYU's Financial Aid Office.

Students can seek help in obtaining a BYU short-term or a Federal Stafford loan this week in A-41 ASB or at One Stop in 3220 WSC.

A Stafford loan may be issued by any lending institution, with assurance from the Federal government that the loan will be paid back in full. If the student fails to repay the loan, the Federal government guarantees to repay the lender.

"There are two types of Stafford loans, subsidized and unsubsidized loans," said Paul Conrad, director of the Financial Aid Office.

A subsidized loan is one in which the Federal government pays the interest of a subsidized loan while the student is in school. An unsubsidized loan is one in which the government does not," Conrad said.

The interest rate on Stafford loans cannot

exceed 8.25 percent and is reset annually on July 1.

According to the Financial Aid Office the current subsidized loan rate is 4.06 percent and the unsubsidized rate is 3.46 percent.

To determine which type of loan students can obtain they must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students can obtain a FAFSA form from One Stop or the Financial Aid Office, or may fill out an online version at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Students that qualify for a subsidized Stafford loan are given a limited amount they can borrow, depending on whether they are dependents or independents, and which year of school they are in.

Some students found the online application to be quick and easy to do.

"As far as receiving financial aid, obtaining loans was extremely easy," said Mark Trinh, a junior from Fairfax, Va., majoring in international studies.

"The actual process of filling out the (FAFSA) was not difficult at all," said Megan Smith, a senior.

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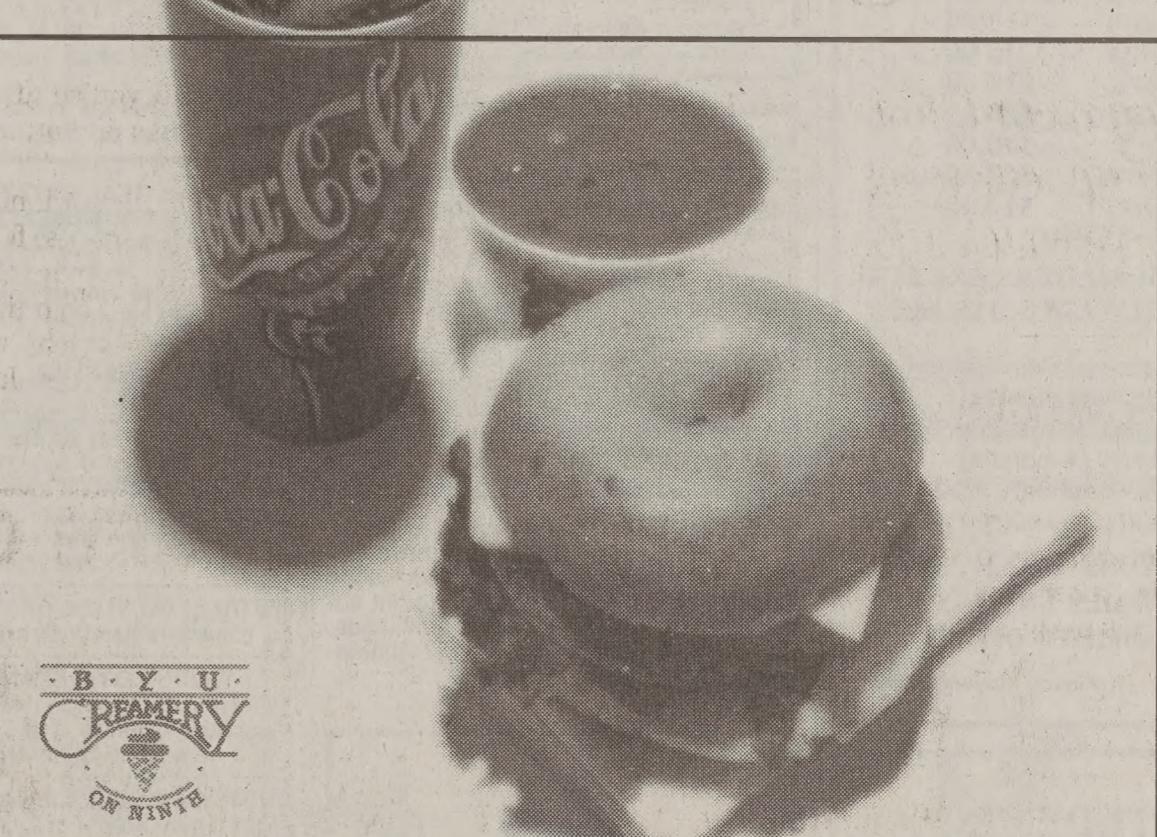
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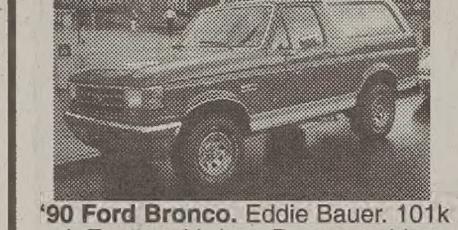
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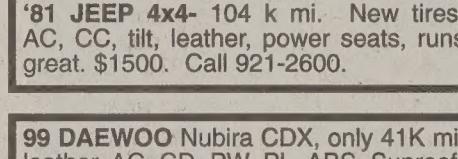
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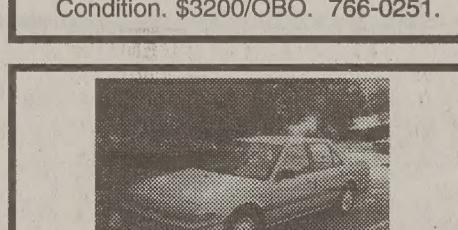
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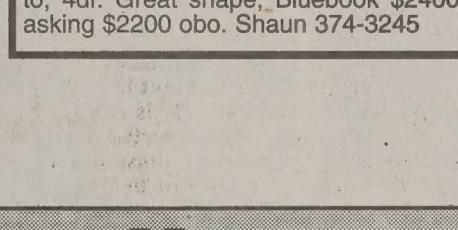
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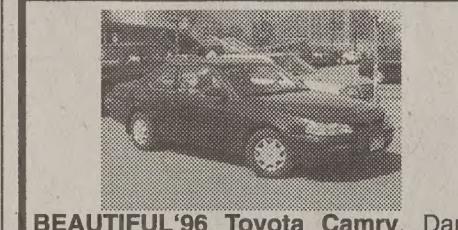


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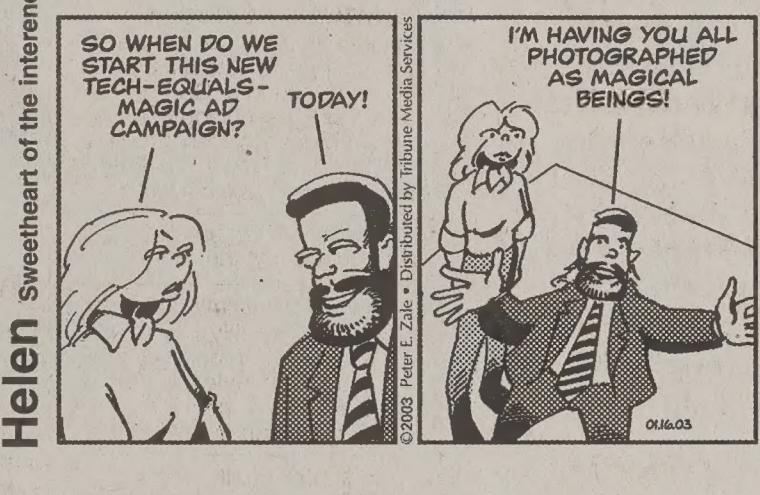
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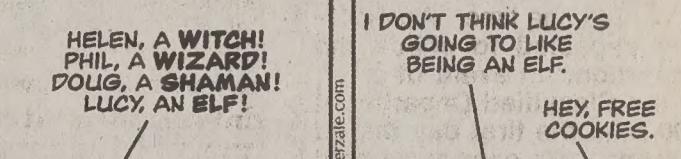
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Ice fishing, a favorite pastime for some

By IVY SELLERS

Frozen fish are no longer only available at your local grocery store. The winter sport of ice fishing makes it possible for Utah residents to hook their own catch of the day.

Opinions seem to vary on whether ice fishing makes for good times or merely frozen toes.

"Ice fishing seems like no fun — you sit there in the freezing cold fishing out of a small hole for hours," said Paul Nash, 21, an information technology major from San Jose, Calif.

Nash is a member of the BYU Fly Fishing Club, but has never found the concept of fishing on/in ice appealing.

"It's not even a sport," he said. "It takes no skill at all. It's just for people who like to drink beer."

It seems however, some residents of Utah County wouldn't necessarily agree with Nash's statement.

"Utah County seems to have a pretty hard-core following of ice fishing," said Orem resident Mike Fisher, who has been an ice fisher for the past 20 years.

Ice fishing has become more popular in recent years, Fisher said.

"People are realizing it's not as cold as it seems to be," he said.

Fisher would know, since his co-workers at Sportsman's Warehouse in Provo regard him as the ice-fishing expert.

Students don't need to spend a lot of money to get started with the sport, especially those who already own fishing rods.

"Ice fishing doesn't require lots of special equipment," Fisher said.

However, ice readers need to make sure the ice is thick

enough to support them.

The ice should be at least four inches thick if you plan just to walk and sit on it, and eight inches thick for a snowmobile, Fisher said.

Fisher said you can use just about anything from an axe to a chainsaw to an auger to cut the ice. An auger is a tool designed specifically to drill a hole in ice.

Many people fish in the afternoon — that way they can use a hole someone else drilled, Fisher said.

Fisher's co-worker, Randy Haider of Evanston, Wyo., has been ice fishing for the past couple of years but has only come to really enjoy the sport in the last two and a half weeks, he said.

"(Until then) I never caught a fish, I just sat there and froze," Haider said.

Haider said it was the fish finder that made all the difference for him.

A fish finder is a small electronic device that helps detect fish, making them much easier to catch.

Fish finders run anywhere from \$60 to \$1,000, but Haider said they are worth it.

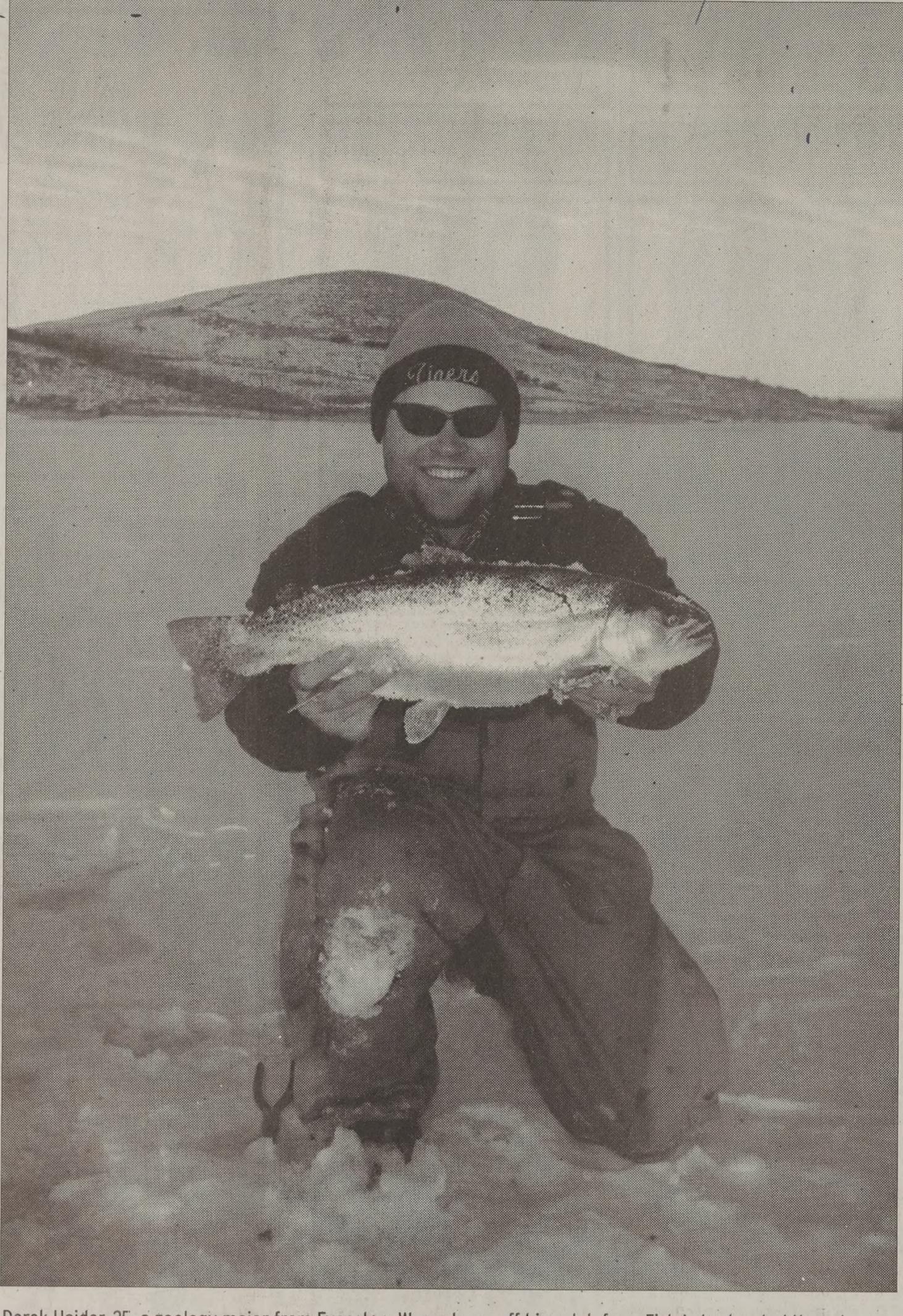
"If you don't have one of those you might as well not even bring your pole," he said.

Fisher disagreed. While it's easier to catch fish that way, he said, there are still plenty of fish to be caught without one.

One thing Fisher and Haider do agree on is that the best place to catch a fish is Fish Lake, about three hours south of Provo.

"When it comes to success rate, that one takes the cake," Haider said.

Other popular spots include Utah Lake, Strawberry Reservoir and Scofield Reservoir.



Derek Haider, 25, a zoology major from Evanston, Wyo., shows off his catch from Fish Lake, located three hours south of Provo.

Student nabbed peephole

By KYLE MONROE

Two students recently suspended Timpanogos High after it was discovered they had been using holes to look into women's restrooms on campus.

Timpanogos High Principal Brad J. Johnson explained that two faculty members, who were bored into the holes above the restroom, students could access holes through a crawl space used by plumbers to pipes.

Kendall sent a female worker into the space to fill the holes, the worker found aable camera.

"I immediately took the camera over to police," Kendall said.

Officer Gabe Steven had the film developed, and, though weren't pictures of the room on the film, he pictures of a male Timpanogos student.

The student confessed to using the crawl space to give Kendall and Steven the name of one male student involved.

Kendall suspended students and turned case over to the attorney for possible action.

Both students said did not make the hole as yet Kendall does not know who made them, nor how long holes had gone unnoticed.

"People don't look he said.

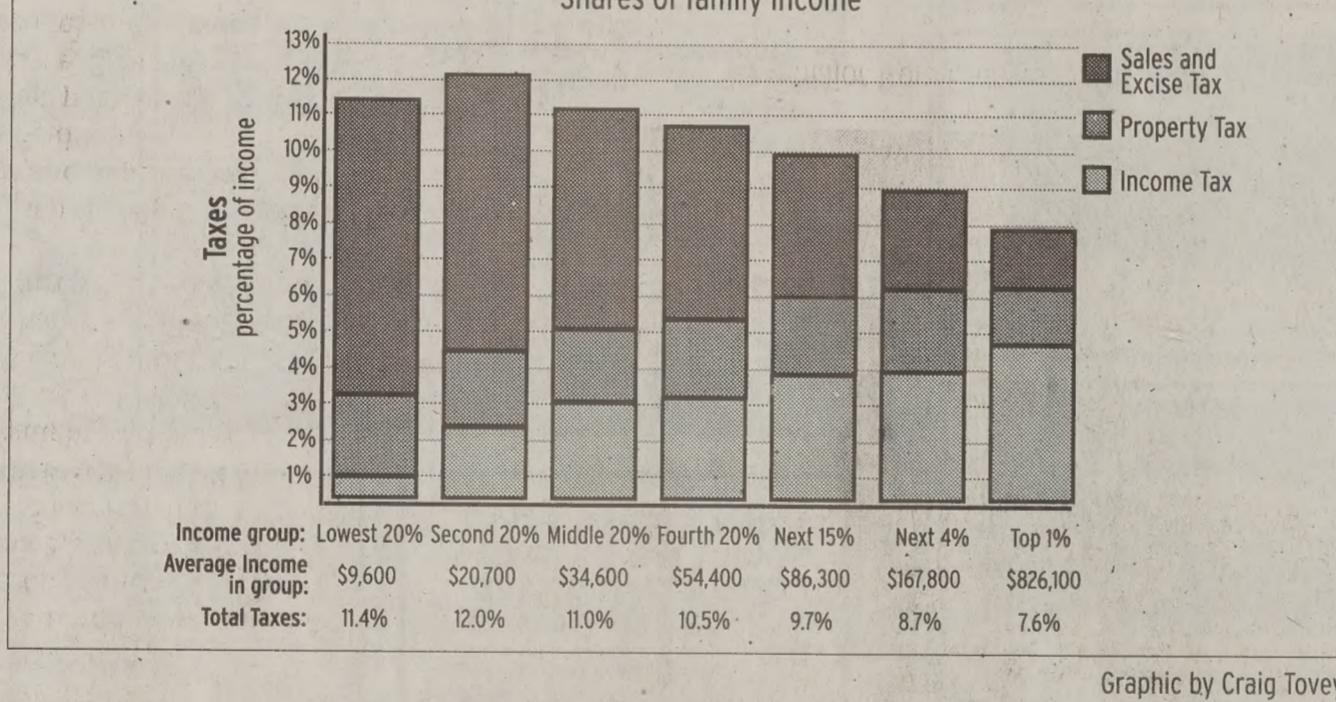
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While Latimer agrees that there needs to be more equity in taxation, he said that too much interference may become problematic.

"In pursuit of fairness and economic equality we undermine big growth with all of our counterincentives," Latimer said. "We have to be careful. If we keep playing Robin Hood, we may end up killing the proverbial golden goose, and who knows but 10 years down the road we might miss out on serious possibilities to grow the economy."

Both Latimer and McIntyre stress that the responsibility rests with citizens, including students, to bring the issue of equity in taxation to the forefront of the legislative agenda.



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The process for actually receiving a loan may take longer.

"It usually takes a month for a (Stafford) loan to come through from the start of the process to actually receiving the money in hand," said Chris Jacobsen, a student employee in the Financial Aid Office.

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The Financial Aid offers no-interest, short-term loans that are due May 2003. Students will be required to pay interest on loans that are not paid in full by date.

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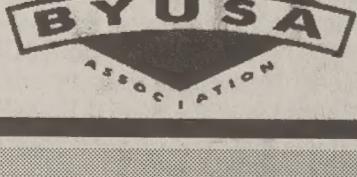
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